

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN
PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE**

Meeting Held April 20, 2010
City Hall, Boards and Commissions Room, Room 1101
301 West Second Street, Austin. TX

1. Call Meeting to Order at 3:00pm.

Committee Members Present:

1. Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez
2. Council Member Randi Shade
3. Council Member Laura Morrison

2. Review and approval of minutes for the committee meetings held Monday, March 1st and Wednesday, March 31st, 2010.

Minutes approved.

3. Citizen Communications

None.

4. Presentation regarding CARE Memory Band (Dan McGinnis, Vice President for Your Life Band, Distributors of the Care Medical History Bracelet).

Dan McGinnis and Karen McCann with Your Life Band spoke about their product. They offered a website; www.YourLifeBand.com to find out more information. The product, a bracelet carrying medical history of the wearer, was advertised as lightweight, waterproof, comfortable, and affordable, \$25.

5. Receive Staff Update on HB 216 regarding Boarding Homes and Take Appropriate Action (Shannon Jones, Assistant Director for Public Health)

Shannon Jones presented on HB 216 regarding rogue group homes. Staff met with University Hills Neighborhood Association (UHNA) and others Neighborhood Associations to discuss HB 216 as well as Kathleen Cordova of Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). HHSC anticipates making final state rule by September, 2010. Once final rule are promulgated COA staff will work with community on developing recommendations to council for city ordinance. The item did have one citizen speaker, Joan Bartz.

6. Staff Review of the Social Service Contract with Family Connections and Take Appropriate Action (Vince Cobalis, Assistant Director of Human Services).

Vince Cobalis presented to the PHHS on the issue of Family Connections, a social services agency that has suffered financial setback and fraudulent activity. For the short term Vince described HHSD plans to immediately transfer voucher services to another agency to prevent 42 children from losing their child care, and moving forward with a competitive process for the grant-funded voucher programs.

- 7. Receive Staff Update and Recommendations regarding Mobile Food Vendor Regulations, Including Discussion of Farmers Market Food Product Sampling RCA, and Take Appropriate Action. (David Lurie, Director, Health & Human Services Department, and Shannon Jones, Assistant Director of Public Health)**
Shannon Jones described a proposal for additional regulations for a fast growing mobile vendor industry in Austin. A task force of several City Departments including EGRSO, AFD, Code, HHSD and others reviewed the issue and came up with some recommendations. The budget Shannon proposed showed revenues of \$289,000 and expenditures of \$260,00 for their proposed recommendations. There were a dozen speakers on the topic expressing views for both sides of the issue. The Chair, Council Member Randi Shade asked this item be brought back to the next meeting of the PHHS for a vote.
- 8. Receive Staff Update on the Implementation of Animal Services Recommendations and Take Appropriate Action (David Lurie, Director, Health & Human Services Department)**
Postponed until next specially called PHHS meeting, May 5, 2010.
- 9. Presentation of the Fifth Annual Report of the Mayor's Mental Health Task Force Monitoring Committee (Susan Stone, Executive Coordinator MMHTF Monitoring Committee)**
Postponed until next specially called PHHS meeting, May 5, 2010.
- 10. Presentation of the ProTECT Proposal for Experimental Clinical Treatment regarding traumatic brain injury study and Take Appropriate Action (Alex Valadka, MD, Seton Family of Hospitals and Truman J. Milling, MD, Director of Clinical Research at University Medical Center at Brackenridge and Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas, Members of Seton Family of Hospitals)**
Postponed until next specially called PHHS meeting, May 5, 2010.
- 11. Receive Staff Update on the Plan for Social Service Contracts and Take Appropriate Action (David Lurie, Director, Health & Human Services Department and Vince Cobalis, Assistant Director of Human Services).**
Postponed until next specially called PHHS meeting, May 5, 2010.
- 12. Consider agenda items for next meeting, scheduled for 3:00 pm on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 or at the call of the committee chair.**
Subcommittee directs that items 8, 9, 10, 11, and mobile vendors be brought back for a specially called meeting of the Public Health and Human Services Subcommittee.
- 13. Adjourn.**
There being no further business to come before the Subcommittee, Chair Shade declared the meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.
Adjourn MOTION by MPT Martinez, Second by CM Shade, Motion Carried.

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